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Timothy Stephens, CEO
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Sent Via Email: timothy.stephens@uhsinc.com

*RE: CON Program Response to North Star Behavioral Health Bed Relocation Project
May 29, 2026 Request for Determination*

Dear Mr. Stephens,

The CON Program has reviewed North Star Behavioral Health's (NSBH) request for determination under 7 AAC 07.031 regarding whether a Certificate of Need (CON) is required for the proposed relocation and reconfiguration of Residential Psychiatric Treatment Center (RPTC) and Acute Care beds.

NSBH proposes to:

- Relocate the Summit Program (RPTC beds)
 - 30 licensed RPTC beds will be relocated from 3647 N Clark Wolverine Rd, Palmer, AK 99645 to 1500 De Barr Cir, Anchorage, AK 99508
- Relocate Arctic Recovery (1115 Waiver Adult SUD services)
 - 30 licensed Acute Care beds will be relocated from 1500 DeBarr Cir, Anchorage AK 99508 to 1650 Bragaw St, Anchorage, AK 99508
- Close the Chris Kyle Adult Inpatient Patriot Support Program
- Close the Palmer facility located at 3647 N. Clark Wolverine Rd, Palmer AK

As described in the request, NSBH asserts that the proposed activity consists solely of the relocation and reassignment of existing licensed beds and programs among existing facilities. Further, NSBH represents that the project neither involves new construction, increased licensed bed capacity, nor capital expenditures exceeding \$1,500,000.

The CON Program previously established NSBH as operating on a statewide basis.¹ Based on the information provided, the proposed activity consists of the relocation of existing licensed RPTC and acute care beds within NSBHs previously established statewide service area and the reconfiguration of existing programs. The project does not establish a new

¹ <https://certofneed.health.alaska.gov/Certificate/CertificateForm/7c6f00ad-b1ee-4fc1-bd57-92e599647dbb?CertOrDeter=Determination>

health care facility, increase licensed bed capacity, or otherwise constitute a reviewable activity under AS 18.07.031.

The CON Program notes that, as represented in NSBH's request, implementation of the proposed project will result in the closure of the Summit Program facility located at 3647 N. Clark Wolverine Road, Palmer, AK, and the discontinuation of the Chris Kyle Inpatient Patriot Support Program. It is understood that NSBHs licensed bed capacity will decrease from 140 acute care beds to 110 acute care beds and their licensed RPTC beds will remain at 60 following implementation of the proposed project. No increase in licensed bed capacity is proposed.

The CON Program understands the post-project facility configuration to be as follows:

Location/Program	Licensed Beds
2530 DeBarr Cir, Anchorage	74 Acute Care Beds
1500 DeBarr Cir, Anchorage	60 RPTC Beds
1650 Bragaw St, Anchorage	36 Acute Care Beds*
3647 N Clark Wolverine Rd, Palmer	Closed

*used for 1115 waiver services

Accordingly, the CON Program determines that a **Certificate of Need is not required** for the activities described in NSBH's Request.

Implementation of the proposed project will result in changes to NSBH's program configuration. NSBH is responsible for ensuring that the Medicare Cost Report accurately and separately reflect the post-project structure of its Residential Psychiatric Treatment Centers (RPTC), Acute Inpatient Psychiatric Treatment Services (Acute IP Psych), and Acute 1115 Waiver Services for Adult SUD (Acute SUD Waiver Services).

If you identify any inaccuracies in this letter, please do let us know so we can correct and reissue this with updated information.

Sincerely,

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